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Organization

2. There were 250 students in the course who had been sent in three and fours from various unspecified units. The students were organized into two companies.

3. The course was located in a building near the military hospital in Pleven.

4. Most of the instructors in the course were doctors from the military hospital who gave one lecture each. [redacted] the following officers at the course:

a. Captain Ginchev (fmu) (Doctor, Medical Corps); CO of the course; [redacted]

b. Senior First Lieutenant Goshev (fmu); CO of the 1 School Company: [redacted]

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c. Senior First Lieutenant Dimitur Khinov; CO of the 2 School Company;

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d. Senior First Lieutenant Georgi Savchev; CO of the 1 Platoon, 2 Company; infantry officer;

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e. First Lieutenant Boris Tsankov; CO of the 2 Platoon, 2 Company; infantry officer;

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f. Starshini Asparuh (Inu); CO of the 3 Platoon, 2 Company;

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Training

5. Students had five hours of theoretical training a day. The following subjects were studied:

- Anatomy;
- Physiology;
- Internal and contagious diseases;
- Hygiene; and
- Latin terminology.

6. The students had one hour of practical training a day. Sometimes the students made rounds with the nurses at the military hospital and at other times they went outside of Pleven for field practice. At the beginning of the course, field practice was held 2-3 times a week. These field exercises were increased toward the end of the course. Each student was equipped with a first-aid kit and with a square piece of canvas to which a 250 centimeter long canvas strap was attached. Students were taught to crawl to the wounded man and put him on the piece of canvas which was then dragged by the strap to a place where first-aid treatment could be given.

7. Political lessons were given twice a week for three hours. Generally, these lessons concerned Stalin and Soviet Generals.

8. During the whole course, the students had four firing practices with carbines. Chest targets at 100 and 150 meters were used. The students were graded as follows:

	1 hit	2 hits	3 hits	4 hits
100 meters	poor	average	good	excellent
150 meters	average	good	excellent	excellent

Examination and Graduation

9. After an oral examination given four months after the start of the course, about 40 men were sent back to their units as incapable. Four or five students completed but failed the course and returned to their units without a change in their grade. About 40 students graduated as Efreytor, and about 160 as

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Mladshi Serzhant and five or six as Serzhant. Graduates were given a diploma and returned to their units.

Army First-Aid Kit

10. First Aid men in the Bulgarian Army are issued first aid kits containing the following:

Cordial (sic) a yellow liquid used for stomach trouble  
Rivanol  
Hydrogen peroxide  
Tincture of Iodine  
Valerian  
Aspirin  
Ultraseptil  
Chlorine (Water disinfectant)  
Cardiazol  
Sulfadiazol  
Ampules for caffeine, camphor, calcium, cardiazol, tetanus and salicyl injections  
Injectors and needles  
Bandages, cotton, tourniquets, scissors, forceps and wooden and iron splints.

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